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## **New 2018 Season for Facets Teach-Ins Address Sex Predation, the legacy of Vietnam, Labor, LGBTQ+ rights, and the power of music**

The third season of **Facets Teach-Ins**, a highly-successful series of film-based forums and discussions focused on critical issues of our time begins on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. with a program centering on sexual addiction and sex predatorship. Alexandra Fox, LLC, will lead the discussion following a screening of Steve McQueen's film *Shame*, which stars Michael Fassbender.

On Monday, January 22 at 6:30 p.m., historian Mark Bradley will lead a session titled *What Really Happened in Vietnam*, following a screening of *Winter Soldier*. *Winter Soldier* was made by a collective of filmmakers chronicling the Detroit Winter Soldier investigation of war crimes in Vietnam.

The Teach-Ins, which celebrate their first anniversary, are a twice-monthly program of film screenings, talks by scholars and experts, and discussions which seek to promote dialogue, build bridges and create understanding around topics which are essential to an understanding of the potentials and threats to a thriving democracy. All Teach-Ins are held at Facets, 1517 West Fullerton Avenue, Chicago. Admission to the Teach-Ins is free, with a donation requested. Reservations may be made at [www.facets.org](http://www.facets.org)

"The Facets Teach-Ins evolved as a response to the proliferation of sound-byte or tweet-size characterizations of issues we face which will determine and shape the kind of democracy we live in and the very survival of the planet," said Milos Stehlik, Facets Founder and Artistic Director in announcing the new series, "Film is the perfect medium which helps focus on the issues."

Admission to all Facets Teach-Ins is free of charge, with a donation requested at the door.

The complete schedule for the Winter-Spring 2018 Facets Teach-In session follows:

### **SEX ADDICT OR PREDATOR?**

***Shame with Alexandra Fox Monday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 PM***

From the Russian probe to the Weinstein effect, this past year has been defined by public debate about

corruption, healthcare, and sexual abuse. These topics become not-so-strange bedfellows in Steve McQueen's provocative *Shame*, starring Michael Fassbender and Carey Mulligan.

Alexandra Fox, a clinical counselor, will lead a post-screening discussion mapping the culturally and politically steeped terrain between sex addict and predator.

#### **WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN VIETNAM?**

***Winter Soldier with Mark Bradley Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 PM***

*Winter Soldier* is an explosive documentary featuring soldiers who participated in or witnessed atrocities in Vietnam. Each veteran tells their story, which often gives a counter-narrative to the official line.

Mark Bradley, a historian of the Vietnam War at the University of Chicago, will lead a post-screening discussion about the impact of the Vietnam War.

#### **HOW MUSIC CAN CHANGE THE WORLD**

***Latcho Drom with Marguerite Horberg Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 PM***

*Latcho Drom* uses music to explore the rich culture of the ostracized Romani people, showing just how integral music is to preserving and articulating ethnic and cultural identity.

Marguerite Horberg, an artist, activist, and founder of HotHouse, will lead a post-screening discussion about the importance of music in culture.

#### **DOES THE WORKING CLASS GO TO HEAVEN?**

***The Organizer with Bill Pelz Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM***

Starring Marcello Mastroianni, *The Organizer* remains one of the most powerful outcries for worker's rights.

William Pelz, a labor historian at Elgin College, will lead a post-screening discussion about the history and importance of workers' rights.

#### **WHY ARE LGBTQ+ RIGHTS NECESSARY?**

***Victim with Nick Davis Monday, Mar. 26 at 6:30 PM***

Banned in the U.S., *Victim* peels the mask off the system that forced so many to keep their sexual orientation a secret.

Nick Davis, a professor of queer theory, gender studies, and American literature at Northwestern, will lead a post-screening discussion.

RSVP's for the programs can be made at [www.facets.org](http://www.facets.org)

Facets is a non-profit organization with a broad range of film exhibition, distribution and education programs now celebrating its 43<sup>rd</sup> year.

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